

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A siding trim element comprising:  
a traversing element with at least two projecting elements projecting outwardly therefrom, said traversing element and said at least two projecting elements forming at least two recesses for receiving and retaining one or more panel elements, each of said at least two projecting elements comprising a flange formed integral with an end of each of said at least two projecting elements,  
wherein a portion of each said flange is substantially perpendicular to said traversing element and another portion of said flange is substantially parallel with said traversing element,  
and  
wherein said at least two recesses bias against said one or more panel elements to soundly retain said one or more panel elements therein.
2. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two projecting elements project from one side of said traversing element.
3. (Withdrawn)
4. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein one of said at least two recesses opens in a direction substantially away from said traversing element.
5. (Original) The siding trim of claim 4, wherein another of said at least two recesses opens in a direction substantially parallel with said traversing element.
6. (Original) The siding trim of claim 5, wherein said traversing element forms a rear portion of said one of said at least two recesses and a side portion of another of said at least two recesses.
7. (Original) The siding trim of claim 6, wherein said at least two recesses open

at substantially right angles to each other.

8. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses open in substantially different planes.

9. (Original) The siding trim of claim 1, wherein said at least two recesses each open in a different direction relative to said traversing element.

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